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## FREQUENTLY USED ACRONYMS

### A

ABN	Advance Beneficiary Notice
ACA	Affordable Care Act
ACO	Accountable Care Organization
ADAP	AIDS Drug Assistance Programs
AEP	Annual Enrollment/Election Period
AFDC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
ANOC	Annual Notice of Coverage
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

### B

BBA	Balanced Budget Act
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### C

CBA	Competitive Bidding Area
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program
CHIPRA	Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act
CLASS	Community Living Assistance Services and Supports Program
CORF	Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

### D

DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DMEPOS	Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies

### E

EGHP	Employer Group Health Plan
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### E (continued)

EHR	Electronic Health Record
EPSTD	Early Periodic Screening & Diagnostic Testing
ESRD	End-Stage Renal Disease

### F

FCHCO	Federal Coordinated Health Care Office
FEHB	Federal Employee Health Benefits
FMAP	Federal Medical Assistance Percentage
FICA	Federal Insurance Contribution Act

### G

GEP	General Enrollment Period
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### H

HAC	Hospital Acquired Condition
HCFA	Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program
HEAT	Health Care Fraud Prevention and Enforcement Action Team
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HHABN	Home Health Advance Beneficiary Notice
HHA	Home Health Agency
HINN	Hospital Issued Notice of Non-coverage
HITECH	Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act

### I

IAH	Independence at Home Demonstration
IM	Important Message from Medicare
IRE	Independent Review Entity
IEP	Initial Enrollment Period

## L

LEP	Late Enrollment Penalty
LIS	Low Income Subsidy
LTC	Long Term Care

## M

MSA	Medical Saving Account
MAC	Medicare Administrative Contract or Medicare Appeals Council
MA	Medicare Advantage
MA AEP	Medicare Advantage Annual Election Period
MA Plans	Medicare Advantage Plans
MA SEP	Medicare Advantage Special Enrollment Period
MAPD	Medicare Advantage Plan with Prescription Drug Coverage
MIPPA	Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act
MSP	Medicare Savings Programs
MSN	Medicare Summary Notice

## N

NEMB	Notice of Exclusion from Medicare Benefits
NMTP	National Medicare Training Program
NOC	Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage

## O

OEP	Open Enrollment/Election Period
OPM	Office of Personal Management

## P

PPO	Prefer Provider Organization
Rx	Prescription Drug
PFFS	Private Fee-for-Service Plan
PACE	Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly

## P (continued)

PHI	Protected Health Information
PHR	Personal Health Record

## Q

QI	Qualified Individual
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary
QIO	Quality Improvement Organization
QIC	Quality Independent Contractor

## R

RRB	Railroad Retirement Board
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## S

SHIP	State Health Insurance Program
SMP	Senior Medicare Patrol
SNF	Skill Nursing Facility
SNFABN	Skilled Nursing Facility Advance Beneficiary Notice or denial letter
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SEP	Special Enrollment/Election Period
SNP	Special Needs Plan
SLMB	Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary
SSI	Supplemental Security Income

## T

TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
TROOP	True Out-of-Pocket
USPSTF	United States Preventive Services Task Force

## V

VA	Veterans Administration
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